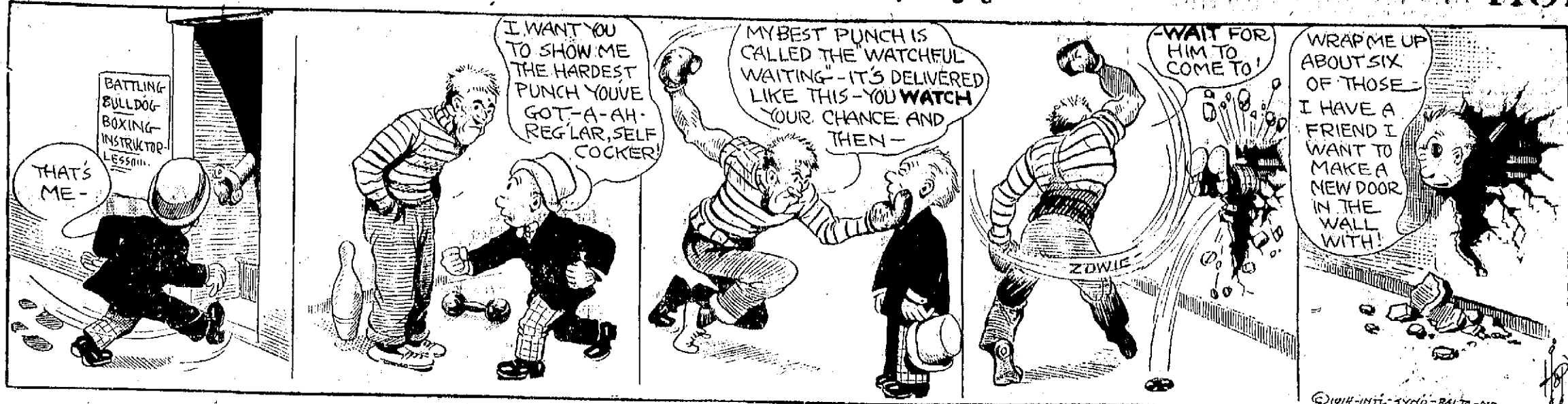


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THE CUB
REPORTER

The Gentleman Was Very Obliging

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SEVEN LIVES LOST IN
AN APARTMENT FIRE

Boston, April 14.—Seven lives were lost in a fire which wrecked the Melvin, a five-story brick apartment house at Commonwealth avenue and Long avenue in the Alston district, early today. It was feared that another occupant of the building, who was missing several hours after the fire, also had been burned to death.

The Dead

Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Power, and their two-year-old baby boy.
Mrs. Alice Shackford.
Mrs. Edith G. Bemis.
Mrs. E. G. Beharrell, a sister of Mrs. Bemis.

Mary Connors, 16 years old, a maid in the Power household.

Many others among the 125 persons living in the house had thrilling escapes and several were painfully burned. The loss is estimated at about \$60,000.

Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Bemis met death by jumping, one from the fourth floor and the other from the fifth. The bodies of the other victims were found on the fifth floor, two hours after the discovery of the fire and the medical examiner expressed the opinion that all had been suffocated.

The fire started in the basement near a wastepaper can, and the flames shot rapidly up through this chute and an elevator well. The whole building was ablaze when the firemen arrived.

Miss May Boyd, living next door, was one of the first to see the fire. While another neighbor rang in an alarm, Miss Boyd rushed into the burning building and rang the bells in all the suites. The occupants were quickly roused. Many were able to escape by the stairways. Others used the fire escapes in the rear until flames bursting from the windows made this impossible. When the firemen arrived they carried a number of men and women down ladders. Several persons jumped from upper floors into the life nets.

Mrs. Shackford and Mrs. Bemis, surrounded by flames, refused to heed the warnings of others who shouted to them to walk for the firemen, and leaped to their death.

Among those trapped on the fourth floor were Mr. and Mrs. Clement R. Rogers and Mrs. Robert Adams. They hastily fashioned a rope from their bedclothing and let themselves down to the second floor, from which they were able to reach the ground without injury.

Miss Helen Hartford, who lived on the third floor, found the doors to her apartment blocked by smoke and flames. She rushed to the fire escape,

where she was temporarily overcome by smoke. Firemen carried her down a ladder.

No one had time to dress and there was considerable suffering from exposure in the chill air of the early morning. The survivors found shelter in nearby apartment houses.

Mrs. Bemis and Mrs. Beharrell formerly lived in Lowell. Mrs. Shackford was a daughter of Dwight T. Bridgman of West Hampton, Me.

The state police later in the day began an investigation in an effort to determine the cause of the fire.

FAIR SIREN WORKED NEWBURY.
PORT MEN

Manchester, April 14.—A well-dressed young woman, who claimed that she was the daughter of a New Hampshire veteran of the Civil war, went into the Grand Army hall at Newburyport, Mass., Saturday, and told a pathetic story to the assembled vets of losing her money and being unable to secure her baggage.

The good-hearted men dug down in their jeans and forked out enough money to buy the woman a ticket. They were very sympathetic and responded profusely to help the daughter of a vet. The stranger then hurriedly departed toward the depot after her supposed baggage. She never returned, and a search was made. It developed that she boarded an outgoing train without a ticket but with plenty of money.

It is thought that this same woman came to Manchester and represented herself as the daughter of a Bay State vet. She was unsuccessful in her quest, according to the story of one of the men with whom she talked, because her listeners grew suspicious at once. She departed, and evidently tried a new gag before leaving this city.

The Grand Army veterans throughout the state have been worked so much recently by slick strangers that they are growing suspicious. Just Christmas an aged man called at the Grand Army hall and begged for money, stating that he was in the Civil war and a member of the Massachusetts company. Upon questioning him concerning the battles in which he participated his description was so vague that he was suspected and driven away.

This latest trick, worked so successfully by the woman at Newburyport, will not bear fruit in Manchester at least. The grizzled vets of this city have stacked up against the toughest kinds of crooks who have tried every means of getting money. If the well-dressed

stranger pulls into town she will find it hard to touch the G. A. R. men here.

It has been suggested that a bureau be established and all of the latest schemes be divulged to other posts throughout New England. So many diamond games have been worked among the veterans that they are becoming suspicious of the approach of any stranger.

JOTTINGS AND BREVITIES CULLED FROM THE BOSTON EVENING GLOBE.

The Radium Revolution.

The Evening Globe gives under quotation marks the following:
"We stand today towards radium exactly as our ancestor stood towards fire before he had learned to make it."
"He knew it then only as a strange thing utterly beyond his control, a flare on the crest of the volcano, a red destruction that poured through the forest."

Then these few quoted lines, the gifted editor has strung out a full column in which he says that such extraordinary progress has been made in the development of explosives of terrific power from atomic sources that the prophet has not the slightest difficulty in completely destroying with a few small atomic bombs, the cities of Paris, Berlin, London, Moscow, Tokio and Chicago, not to mention the "cities of Holland"—but singularly enough has not referred to the villages of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston—let alone the municipality of our own revered Portsmouth of New Hampshire.

Uncle Dudley winds up with "We can well afford to wait a long time for the atomic bomb. But if we are impatient, we may learn all about them, and their work in Mr. H. G. Wells' altogether fascinating book, 'The World Set Free,' a work that appeals to the imagination and the intelligence." In our opinion Uncle Dudley is a little too optimistic as to the time when these bombs can be perfected, and as the scripture tells us, "let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." There is at this very moment in the hands of a certain European power, the formula for making just such bombs.

The Home Rule Bill.

"By the terms of the Parliament act the Home Rule bill, if duly passed by the House of Commons three years in succession, becomes a law."

The final passage of the bill will soon be recorded in history. With Mr. Asquith playing ducks and drakes with the Tory members and with the Ulsterites now begging for concessions from the Liberals instead of heartily rejecting the peaceful overtures of the government, the Prime Minister and his followers are in excellent strategical position for success.

Granite and Concrete.

"It is a war of the elements over the new state dry dock. Granite and concrete are each trying to secure possession."

Backing the granite are the local business men owning quarries. They want the whole dock built of granite and do not wish the concrete forces to get anything.

The Great locks of Panama are made of concrete.
"The State merely wants what is the best; that is the only real question involved."

DOG RACE IN A BLIZZARD

Four Teams in Contest from Nome to Candle and Return.

Nome, Alaska, April 14.—The All-Alaska Sweepstakes dog race, 412 miles over the wind-swept snow trail from Nome to Candle and return, was begun at 9 a. m. in a blizzard yesterday. All the inhabitants of Nome turned out to see the teams start.

Four teams are in the race, those of John Johnson, eighteen dogs, driven by himself; Fred Ayer, fourteen dogs, driven by himself; Leon Seppala, four teen dogs, driven by himself; and Allan and Darling, sixteen dogs, owned by A. A. (Scotty) Allan of Nome and Mrs. C. R. Darling of Berkeley, Cal. and driven by Allan.

Johnson holds the record for the course, Allan has won the race twice, and Ayer won the sixty-four mile Solomon Derby last month. A sweep stake winner gets \$3000 and a trophy cup.

CHARTER MEMBERS
ATTENDED FUNERAL

The funeral of Caleb N. Lord, the veteran printer, was held at 2.30 on Tuesday afternoon from his late home on Howard street, and it was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. G. C. Boora of the Universalist church.

Damon Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, and Lucius Company, P. R. K. of U. had delegations present and the following charter members of the Portsmouth Athletic Club were present: P. E. Hasty, Postmaster J. P. Conner, G. W. Boardman, G. W. E. Philbrick, Geo. E. French and Northrup L. Raynes. Those, with the late Mr. Lord are the survivors of the charter members who organized the club in 1885. President, W. J. Cater, was also present.

A delegation from the Typographical Union was also present, and there was a profusion of flowers including set pieces. During the funeral the printing office of N. L. Walden where Mr. Lord was employed, was closed. Interment took place in Hammony Grove cemetery beside his mother, under the direction of Undertaker O. W. Ham.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

Washington, April 11. Major Benjamin M. Koehler, of the Coast Artillery corps, has been sentenced to dismissal from the army by the court which tried him on charges of "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman" according to Secretary of War Garrison today.

Taunton, April 11.—Two men were killed, when the coal chute upon which they were at work broke, hurling them into the hole of the coal barge Warren sixty feet below today.

New York, April 11.—On motion of Mr. A. H. Whitman the fourteen indictments found against Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel were transferred today from the general sessions court to the criminal branch of the supreme court.

Boston, April 14.—The big fight in the legislature to repeal the bar and bottle bill resulted in the defeat for repeal in the house today by the vote of 115 to 165.

MR. BRYAN'S FOOTMAN

The house of Representatives had a merry time on Saturday last discussing an item in the appropriation bill to provide for an assistant to the gentleman to the Secretary of State or in other words a footman. Mr. Bryan had asked for it. He had told the committee that he needed two men on the box, but when the provision reached the house, the Republicans, particularly from the Northwest, proceeded to joke him at it, going even to the length of discussing the proper Every for the forthcoming official.

Mr. Bryan is either a very courageous man or else the state of the popular mind is rapidly changing. It is not many years ago that a Nebraska congressman was defeated by the distribution through his district of pictures of the Shureman Hotel. This was described as his residence, with no hint that it was a hotel at which he was merely a guest. A Northwestern senator was defeated

for re-election in the 90's by reports which reached home of the elegance of the residence which he had bought in the national capital. Mr. Lodge's building, his house in Massachusetts avenue was regarded as an act of unusual generosity.

In the good old days of the last century public men regularly boasted of their poverty, Jerry Simpson and himself as being sockless, and became as proud of the epithet as Art sides the Jack ever was of his designation. Mr. Bryan himself formally opposed an increase in the salary of judges, lest it should permit them to associate with the rich and so bring them out of contact with the great thridding masses of humanity. William McKinley was afraid in public to give himself the luxury of a secretary, going for it on a stalling vote and against it on a record roll-call two minutes later.

And it was only a generation earlier that the so-called "salary grab" or the increase in compensation which the members of congress voted themselves in the Grant administration, resulted in an overwhelming expression of popular indignation.

Now congressmen raise their own salaries, increase those of their secretaries and add to the number of their lackeys and other functionaries, and the people know nothing about it and care nothing about it. And Mr. Bryan if he judges aright, the temper of his people realizes that they are wholly unconcerned over the last for gold of which his life is a constant exhibition. There was a time when any trans-Missouri statement would have incited to his neighbors that he could not live on \$12,000 a year, to say nothing of adding that he must have a second man for his carriage. But times change, and we change with them.—Boston Herald.

SAYS SULPHUR IS
SURE TO RELIEVE
ITCHING ECZEMA

Get an Ounce of Bold-Sulphur Cream and Heal Skin Eruptions Right Up

Any breaking out of irritation on the face, arms, legs or body, when accompanied by itching, or when the skin is dry and feverish, can be readily overcome by applying a little bold-sulphur cream, says a noted dermatologist.

He informs us that bold-sulphur instantly allays the angry itching and irritation and soothes and heals the Eczema right in leaving the skin clear and smooth. Bold-sulphur has occupied a secure position for many years in the treatment of cutaneous disorders because of its parasite-destroying property. Nothing has ever been found to take its place in treating the irritable and inflammatory skin affections. While not always establishing a permanent cure it never fails to subdue the itching irritation and drive the Eczema away and it is often years later before any eruptions again appear on the skin.

Those troubled should obtain at any pharmacy an ounce of bold sulphur cream which is applied to the affected parts in the same manner as an ordinary cold cream. It is so simple and the prompt relief afforded, particularly in itching Eczema, proves very welcome.

PLAGUE SPREADS IN HAVANA

Disease Defies the Efforts of the Cuban Sanitary Department

Havana, April 14.—The bubonic plague is spreading in spite of the efforts of the sanitary department. One new case was reported yesterday, and two others are under surveillance. The total number of cases of bubonic up to date is seven, with two under suspicion. Many blocks in the infected zone were placed under quarantine this evening, the residents being ordered to move. A majority of the poor people are being housed at the Telesforo immigration camp.

It is understood that some of the members of the diplomatic corps will request the Government to prevent the residents of the infected zone from going to Trancania, where immigrants from all nations are held for

CAMP SCHLEY HOLDS
ANNUAL BALL--LADIES OF
A. O. H. HAVE DANCE

The Seventh Annual ball of M. S. Schley Camp, No. 4, United Spanish War Veterans, was held at Freeman's hall on Tuesday evening and with a large crowd in attendance, and it was an enjoyable time.

The hall was handsomely decorated with a profusion of hunting in which the national colors predominated. The stage was draped with a huge flag and the galleries with bunting of various nations, the color lockers being drawn on liberally to get the desired effect. The stage was set off with flowers and palms.

The special guests were members of the G. A. R. and the officers of the First Company, Coast Artillery.

The dance was from eight until twelve o'clock music being furnished by the Marden orchestra of eight pieces.

The order of dances were:
Two Step To Our Flag
Waltz To Our President
Schottische To Our Commander
Two Step Ladies Auxiliary
Waltz Our Guests
Schottische Our Floor Director
Quadrille Arrangement Committee

quarantine purposes. The diplomatic representatives fear an outbreak of the disease at the immigration camp.

AMERICAN GOLFERS IN ENGLAND

Travers and Outmet Rounding Into Shape for Open Championship

American admirers of Jerome J. Travers as a golfer, will not be surprised, though of course they are pleased, to hear through such an expert critic as Bernard Darwin, that the American amateur, champion is adapting himself readily to a putter other than his old favorite Schenectady. Mr. Darwin comments as follows:

"I have lately had some news of our invaders, Mr. Travers and Mr. Heweschoff, who have so far confined themselves to Hoylake, having been playing there regularly since they landed some ten days ago. They have had some good matches with Mr. E. F. Cawthorpe, who is a very dangerous player at Hoylake, and would be just as good on any other course. He had time to go there. They also played with Mr. H. J. Nichols, who is generally reckoned the best of all left-handed golfers, and showed them the way round with a score of 74 Mr. Travers, having, of course, been compelled to give up his Schenectady, is putting with a club having a small head and narrow face, something on the lines of the Brown-Vardon putter. It is particularly well fitted to the lie, so that Mr. Travers can stand right up to his head with his ball, just as he does with the Schenectady, and I am told that the results are just as distressing to his adversaries. He is driving with wooden clubs, and driving pretty well too, so that there seems every reason to think he will be in good form for Sandwich, though I dare say he wishes the championship was at Hoylake instead. That is just the course for him, and Sandwhich is not. It shows suit Mr. Heweschoff very well, however, for he hits a high ball with plenty of carry and no great run."

Francis Outmet and A. G. Lockwood, the Boston pair, are now acting in practice at Mr. Lockwood's old home course, Weston-Super-Mare. They had the satisfaction yesterday of defeating R. W. May of the Oxford team, and Dr. Wallace by 3 and 2. Mr. Outmet displayed his best form since his arrival in England, going out in 28 and home in 34. Even a stiff cross wind did not impair his accuracy, his approaches being particularly good.

Look The Herald over and compare it with any paper for local news. It is 48 hours ahead.

Reception Committee

Two Step Our Members
Schottische Our Lady Friends
Quadrille Old Fashion
Waltz Hecstallion
Schottische Our Matron
Pan American All Sorts
Two Step Isch-Ga-Bibbja
Waltz Come to Our Next
The officers were:
Floor Director, Arthur Thomas.
Assistant Floor Director, Harry B. Agnew.
Aids, Entire members of camp
Reception Committee, (P. W. M. Pope, D. O. Brown, H. Morel, H. W. Foster, O. J. Mooney, W. Kinslow, W. H. Stevens, C. Rangay, J. Lahan, W. E. Mills, J. E. Reynolds, G. O. Lane.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the A. O. H. held a benefit dance at Freeman's annex on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of defraying the expense of their delegate to the National Convention at Norfolk, Va., this year.

There was a large crowd present, in fact too large for the hall, but it was a social crowd, who had a very fine time.

GRANDFATHER PAUL JONES' FRIEND

Mrs. Lyman Trumbull Was Illinois Senator's Widow

Mrs. Lyman Trumbull, widow of Senator Lyman Trumbull of Illinois, who died in Saybrook Point, Conn., was the daughter of Captain Duncan N. Ingraham, who was born in 1802 and was the granddaughter of Nathaniel Ingraham, a friend of Paul Jones and an officer in the early American navy. Captain Ingraham created an international episode in 1853 by taking Martin Kestiz, an American citizen, from an American warship in the Port of Smyrna. Congress subsequently praised his action. Captain Ingraham joined the Confederate navy and died in 1863. Mrs. Trumbull's husband was a noted lawyer and Supreme Court justice, and was elected to the Senate from Illinois in 1855 and served several terms.

TEN MORE DISCHARGES

From Charleston Navy Yard Forces Are Announced by Sec. Daniels—Furloughs Not Warranted.

Washington, April 14.—Further discharges from the force at the Charleston navy yard were announced today by Sec. Daniels in letters to the members of the Massachusetts delegation. The men affected are eight machinists, one machinist's helper and one pipefitter. The discharges will take effect on Thursday, or at the expiration of the leave of absence of the men.

The prospect for work in the navy future does not warrant placing these men on furlough; instead of discharging them.

FEDERAL ROAD IN ARIZONA

Government Line to Serve Reclamation District Southwest of Yuma.

Yuma, Ariz., April 14.—Construction started yesterday on the Government-owned and operated railroad to run twenty miles southwest from Yuma through part of the neighboring Federal reclamation district. The engineer in charge announced that the road would be opened for traffic by the middle of June for freight and passengers.

CHRIST CHURCH

The Rev. Peter L. Popoff, of the Russian Orthodox Catholic church of Salem, Mass., conducted services for the local Russian Orthodox Christians at Christ church Tuesday morning.

Read the Want Ads.

EASTER

Calls for Something New

NEW ATTIRE IS QUITE APPROPRIATE BUT WOULD NOT A NEW ACCOUNT IN AN INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS BE MORE PROFITABLE? ONE OF OUR NEW ATTRACTIVE HOME SAFES IS A CONSTANT REMINDER THAT YOU HAVE MONEY DEPOSITED WHICH IS WORKING FOR YOU AND DRAWING INTEREST AT 3 1/2 PER CENT.

PISCATAQUA SAVINGS BANK

FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING
PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

MORE FACTS IN THE THAW CASE DECISION

Addition details in the Thaw case from what was given in Tuesday's Herald are as follows:

Spencer, N. H., April 14. Judge Edmund Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Aldrich of the United States District Court in an opinion filed with the clerk of the court here today. Judge Aldrich said, however, that no order would be issued for Thaw's discharge from custody until arrangements have been completed for taking the case to the United States Supreme Court on appeal.

Thaw's petition for admission to bail Judge Aldrich left undetermined, taking the ground that it would be more appropriate for it to be passed on by the Supreme Court.

The result of the decision is that Thaw remains in his present guardianship and condition for the present, but that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus goes to the highest court in the land with a decision of the lower court in his favor.

Judge Aldrich's opinion contains more than 10,000 words and discussed exhaustively the various phases of the case presented in the United States Court.

Nearly Complete Victory for Thaw.

The opinion is nearly a complete victory for Thaw.

Judge Aldrich spends most of his attention upon the fact cited in the first paragraph that "in this case the person sought to be returned to the demanding state of New York under the Federal Constitution, which provides for extradition upon a charge of crime, is in fact a fugitive from a crime of custody under which at the time of his flight he was being held as an insane person; the questions involved in his habeas corpus proceedings are evidently new to both English and American jurisprudence."

"The question here is not the general question whether the petitioner should be returned to New York custody, but the specific question whether the process under which he is sought to be returned is due process in

the constitutional extradition sense."

"The statute of New York in relation to the extradition of a person for crime is not that of a procedure for crime in the sole sense of extradition, but because the relationship of guardian and ward is the foundation upon which the entire proceeding is based, and because, as claimed, extradition is a method for punishment for the misdemeanor involved in the alleged plan of escape, and second, for commitment to guardianship custody at Matteawan."

"This proceeding is in no sense whatever based upon the idea of recovering the person of Thaw for the purpose of punishing him for the offense of killing White, for which he was acquitted, because as is axiomatic, and because, as expressly decided by the Appellate Division of the New York Supreme Court, 'There can be no punishment for him who has been acquitted.'"

Judge Aldrich next takes up the general question of the use and abuse of the power of extradition, which, because it is so arbitrary in its ignoring of the right of a citizen to liberty, must be used with extreme caution.

"In order to have extradition," he says, "there must be a person, a crime, and a flight. The constitution of word 'charged' must be supplemented by a description of the crime, charged, and the reservation must be certain and complete. There must be a person, and, under a reasonable and necessary construction of the Constitution, the person must be a responsible person, and there must be a flight, and the flight must, according to Bonville, be one to avoid punishment for the crime committed."

"Forced or Fictional Reasoning"

He finally says:

"My conclusion is that the constitutional right of extradition for crime does not reasonably apply to a situation as this, where the right of extradition is demanded by the state of New York, and where its papers upon their face negative the personal criminal responsibility. It is further thought that it would involve forced or fictional reason-

ing to make a flight of the character of the one in question the kind of a flight contemplated by the Constitution as a basis for extradition."

"It results that an order will be made sustaining the writ and that the petitioner be discharged from the extradition process under which he was held at the time his petition for habeas corpus was brought upon Constitutional grounds."

"It has been understood from the beginning that whichever way this case was decided by me, it would be taken to the Supreme Court. Therefore no formal order will be made either sustaining the writ or discharging the petitioner until the aggrieved party has had an opportunity to perfect his appeal. When there is such readiness and when convenient to counsel to have the operation of the appeal put into effect, the order will be made, and the discharge suspended by some appropriate order, pending the appeal."

Involves No Criticism of Gov. Folger

"My reasoning about this case," said Judge Aldrich, "involves no criticism upon the act of Gov. Folger in ordering the extradition, for reasons which he states."

Reviewing the facts as to Thaw's petition for bail, and the appointment and report of the commission on his mental condition, Judge Aldrich said: "I have no doubt of the right of the court to grant bail under the circumstances of this case; but as the question is an interlocutory one, of which the petitioner has the right to avail himself at any time and at any stage of the proceedings, and as the case is about to go out of the control of this court and into the Supreme Court, and as Supreme Court rule 34 has an important and perhaps a controlling bearing upon the question, I am disposed to leave the motion for bail undetermined, without prejudice."

Judge Aldrich said that the report of the commission, "supplemented by my own observations of the man at the several hearings," satisfied him as to Thaw's mental condition "that any supposed danger to the community through liberty under bail be so remote as not to warrant his being deprived of liberty of bail upon that ground. I am not at all certain that I am not denying a plain right, and doing the petitioner injustice, by leaving this question undecided. If such is the case, opportunity is open to him to seek redress from the higher court before which this case will soon be pending."

Thaw's case, so far as it appears in this jurisdiction Judge Aldrich found to be that of a person sought to be extradited under the Constitution, because he had fled from guardianship custody, based upon the verdict of a jury that he was insane. The person was committed on the ground of insanity, and was being held under the same commitment at the time of the alleged escape and flight.

APPEAL TO BE TAKEN

New York State Attorney General Says Case is One of Executive Jurisdiction, Not Judicial.

Albany, N. Y., April 14.—When informed of the decision in the Thaw case, Atty. Gen. Carmody said:

"The case will be taken at once to the United States Supreme Court, upon the ground that Judge Aldrich had no power whatever to grant a writ of habeas corpus to Thaw. That the question involved is one of executive and not judicial jurisdiction will be the contention of New York state on appeal, and we shall seek to have the appeal determined as soon as possible."

AT LEAST UNTIL OCTOBER

Washington, April 14. Only by extraordinary steps can the Thaw case be considered by the Supreme Court before next October, as the court plans to suspend hearing all cases on April 24, and to hear no more argument until October, unless some extraordinary decision should demand it.

That would probably mean that Thaw must remain in custody until October at least. Those best posted on the court's procedure predict it may be Christmas before the Supreme Court passes upon the case finally.

Veteran observers of Supreme Court procedure who looked for precedents today thought the Porter Charlton case was the only one approaching a parallel, but even so they did not contend the cases were alike. In the Charlton case, however, the Superior Court held there was no right to inquire into the sanity of the prisoner in an extradition proceeding. It was pointed out, however, that the Thaw case took on some different aspects.



YOUR EYESIGHT

Do not trifle with it, by wearing glasses not especially prepared for you. Many have done so to their sorrow!

I am an Optometrist skilled in correcting the errors of the eye with suitable lenses, and can give you reliable aid and glasses.

FARRELL, OPTOMETRIST

FRANKLIN BLOCK

OLD KING LEOPOLD OF BELGIUM MADE TWO ROYAL LOVERS WAIT

Prince Victor Napoleon for Six Years Was Refused the Hand of Princess Clementine Who Was Kept a Prisoner in the Palace Until Death of Aged Monarch and the Accession of Albert.

Paris.—An heir has been born to the official pretender to the throne of France. The Bonapartist party is rejoicing over the arrival of a prince imperial, and the mother of the little prince, who was Princess Clementine of Belgium, declares she is the happiest woman in the world. She has prayed for a son, and now the son is born.

It was a real royal romance, that of Prince Victor Napoleon and the Belgian princess. For six years the two waited for each other; for old King Leopold, the father of the princess, forbade their marriage. The more prospect of it helped to embitter his



Princess Clementine.

last days, and even on his deathbed he cursed his youngest daughter against the fatal prompting of her heart and fancy. He repudiated her, almost with his expiring breath, of the Bourbon blood in her veins, of the position of her fiancé as the undisputed head of the Bonapartist family, and of the irreconcilable feud between the two sets of pretenders to sovereignty in France—the royalist and imperialists.

The engagement between the princess and the pretender to the hypothetical throne of the French was a somewhat romantic one. For 21 years, since he was exiled from France, the chief of the Bonapartists had lived in Brussels. His life, to outward appearance, was of somewhat morose resignation. He did not plot in his great house on the Avenue Louise, but neither did he show contentment with his lot.

Brussels is a comparatively small city, but the first tidbit of the fact that the prince and the princess were attentive was given at one of the horseback paper chases which are among the favorite recreations of Brussels society. At this paper chase Prince Victor was victorious and Princess Clementine attached the trophy, a bunch of ribbons, to his coat. Her act appeared significant. At once the engagement was declared to be certain.

Shortly after this Prince Victor drove to the great royal palace in Brussels to ask the old king for the hand of his daughter. And now the subtle genius of the crafty monarch displayed itself in all its power. Receiving the French pretender with the exquisite deference his manner could assume, the wily king professed his perfect willingness to accept the prince for a son-in-law. "But since



Prince Victor Napoleon.

the French republic has raised objections, Leopold must forbid the union." Princess Clementine had intimated a purpose to avail herself of her legal advantage of being thirty-two years old by marrying her lover. In that event, Leopold assured the pretender, he should be put to the painful necessity of disowning Clementine as he had disowned his two other

daughters. It was of the utmost consequence to the Belgian sovereign, as head of the Congo state, to maintain friendly relations with the foreign office in Paris. The safety of Belgium itself depended upon French good will.

When the Bonapartist pretender, after listening to this exposition of dynastic diplomacy, ventured to speak of love, Leopold's only reply, it was said, was "Inextinguishable laughter." But the prince had formed an enduring affection for the princess and he was resolved to bide his time.

And the grim old king kept his youngest daughter a prisoner. It was the time when the moral wreck of the king of the Belgians had filled the world with scandal. His character, colored in every respect, lost no vigor in the capacity of jailer, and the helpless Clementine durst not stir from her room without the prior permission of her inexorable parent. Daily she was summoned to the presence of her father, who put to her the query:

"Will you swear never to see this man?"

The answer of the princess was the sweetest, but the firmest; for she never forgot her sense of duty to her parent, whom she tenderly loved when all the world was filled with loathing for his vices. And the old king who hated his wife, hated his sister, hated his two elder daughters, loved jealously, selfishly, his youngest child, Princess Clementine.

When he came home to Brussels from the dancing girls of Paris, from his senile junketing on the Riviera, it was she who nursed him back to a kind of health and decency. She drove abroad with him, and when she was with him the people did not hoot him in the streets. With kindly respect they lifted their hats to the Princess Clementine, and her old father grinned and bowed and took the salutes to himself. He never appeared in public in his own kingdom unless she were by his side. She was his shield and his buckler; she was his sun and companion; and she was the dog on the threshold.

And the sweethearts waited, growing older. Now and then they saw each other—at the opera, at the court, at the chase. They still loved each other devotedly; they were of the tree of great sweethearts, in spite



Albert of Belgium.

of the fact that the princess was slowly withering and that the prince was turning bald and waxing fat. In those long years of waiting the princess grew to be a symbol—a symbol of happy love for the entire nation. Calm Belgian sweethearts promised each other to love like Clementine.

Six years they waited. And then King Leopold died and King Albert ascended the throne.

With his accession the royal objections were removed. This was due largely to the attitude of Prince Victor himself, who always refrained from attending official fetes and wore monies in Brussels and from in any way embarrassing the relations of Belgium and France. As soon as court etiquette allowed the two faithful sweethearts were married at Monza, Italy.

Prince Victor is a cousin of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. And the ceremony took place in the royal castle erected in the fifteenth century, to which Princess Clotilde, sister of King Humbert of Italy and mother of Prince Victor Napoleon, retired after the overthrow of the French empire. Public rejoicing marked the occasion. The members of the Savoy and Bonaparte families were present, including Prince Louis Napoleon, the younger brother of the pretender, who for some time had not been on good terms with the bridegroom. The wedding was in 1910. The princess was thirty-eight years old and the prince was forty-eight.

The prince imperial is their second child. The first was a girl, the Princess Clotilde. The Empress Eugenie was always heartily in favor of the marriage and the bulk of her vast fortune will go to the little prince imperial and his sister. And there are some who believe that Emperor Napoleon IV, as Prince Victor is called by the Bonapartists, will some day ascend the throne and that the prince imperial eventually will be emperor of France.

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Shipmasters Always on Lookout for Ocean Derelicts.

Abandoned and Unsinkable Vessels Inspire Sailors With Terror in Foggy Weather—Danger of Lumber Ships.

New York.—The dismantled, battered hulk of a derelict, floating so low in the water as to be almost level with the waves, is, of course, a very great danger to navigation, especially in foggy weather.

The majority of derelicts are sailing ships laden with lumber. They may have been dismantled and rendered absolutely helpless in storms, partly demolished by fire, by collision with an iceberg or by the mere force of the waves themselves. The crew, unable to make their ship seaworthy, may have abandoned it in the boats, or have been rescued by some passing vessel, but, whatever their fate, their forsaken ship, if laden with wood, remains practically unsinkable and is driven hither and thither over the ocean at the mercy of the winds and currents.

In course of time the swelling of the wood cargo may burst the hull asunder, but until this happens or until the vessel is driven ashore and broken into matchwood against some ironshod coast, it will remain a terror to passing ships.

Now and then a steamer may be rendered helpless owing to its machinery becoming disabled, by shortage of coal, by fire or by the loss of its rudder or propeller in heavy weather. Its crew may decide to abandon it and take to the boats, but if they neglect to open the sea cocks in their departure their ship may float for many a long day.

The erratic movements of some derelicts are almost uncanny. Not so very long ago a Norwegian sailing ship called the Crown left Nova Scotia for a South American port. It was laden with lumber and, while still in the North Atlantic ocean, was overtaken by a terrible storm, which dismantled and left it a battered wreck.

The crew, realizing it was useless to remain on board, abandoned it and took to the boats, never to be heard of again; but their ship, although it vanished completely for no less than three months, was sighted at the end of this time on the edge of the Sargasso sea, a good 700 miles from where disaster overtook it.

Soon afterward it was sighted off Bermuda, but then disappeared again and may still be drifting about the ocean.

Another sailing ship was abandoned off Cape May. The crew endeavored to destroy it by fire on their departure but, although it blazed furiously, the sudden, waterlogged cargo eventually extinguished the flames.

A few weeks later the hulk was off the English coast and it was thought it would be dashed to pieces on the shore but, altering its course, it proceeded to the southward along the French coast and was next seen near the Azores. Having got thus far, it proceeded to cross the Atlantic and, after covering fully 6,000 miles in its wanderings, finally drifted ashore near Panama.

Derelicts are sometimes salvaged and bring in large sums in salvage money to the crews of the ships which tow them into port.

THOUSANDS OF TROUT DIE

Cancerous Tumors Causing Much Trouble, Says Head of Bureau of Fisheries.

Washington.—The federal bureau of fisheries objects to taking care of land and sea, declares Dr. H. M. Smith, head of the bureau, in his annual report in Secretary Redfield.

He expresses the opinion that the duty of looking after the far-reaching animals of Alaska should be transferred to another branch of the service.

Attention is called by Dr. Smith to the need for an experiment station to study fish diseases and problems in fish breeding. As a result of work in investigating cancerous tumors in trout, the commissioner says there is necessity now of preventing and curing the disease in streams and hatcheries.

He points to the economic value of this work and cites the case of one hatchery at Holden, Vt., where last year more than 350,000 trout, the entire stock on hand, died of an epidemic.

CHILD WEDGED IN TIN PAIL

Chicago Mother Has to Take Baby to Plumber's to Cut Bucket From Head.

Chicago.—Excitement was created on a street car when a woman entered carrying a baby that was wedged completely with the exception of one head. Several women protested to the mother, saying that she would suffocate the child.

The mother threw back the covers and showed the child with a tin pail tightly wedged over its head. In playing it had fallen into the pail. She announced she was on her way to a plumber's to have the pail cut off.

Kid Gloves for Cooks.

Paris.—To prevent bacilli from getting into food, Prof. Andre Chanteau urges that all cooks wear kid gloves.

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